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SUBJECT: DHEW/PHS/SFCP - OFFICIAL TRAVEL OF DRS. MILLIKAN,
KURLAND, AND KAGAN

REF: A. NEW DELHI A-290 DATED JULY 29, 1974

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1. THE ICMR PROPOSAL, EPIDEMIOLOGICAL STUDIES ON STROKE
IN YOUNG, DISCUSSED WITH NIH BY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF INDIAN
COUNCIL MEDICAL RESEARCH DURING SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SUB-
COMMISSION MEETING ON JANUARY 27, 1975 AND TRANSMITTED BY
REF (A), PRESENTS NO HYPOTHESIS AS BASIS FOR STUDY AND HAS OTHER
MAJOR DEFICIENCIES CITED IN REF (B) SUCH THAT NIH CANNOT SUPPORT
IT IN PRESENT FORM. NIH AWARE THIS PROPOSAL REPRESENTS
FIRST EFFORT OF GOPALAN IN NEW ROLE FOR FORMULATION AND
IMPLEMENTATION OF BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH POLICY AND ICMR PRESTIGE
AS WELL AS TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF PROGRAM ARE AT RISK.

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2. PURSUANT TO DISCUSSION WITH SCIATT IN JUNE ABOUT WAYS
OF CONSTRUCTIVELY CRITICIZING PROHOSAL AND DEVELOPING MUTUALLY
ACCEPTABLE AND PRODUCTIVE DESIGN WITHOUT OFFENDING ICMR AND
PRECLUDING ALTERNATIVE OR ADDITIONAL COLLABORATIVE

INVESTIGATIONS, NIH HAS SELECTED FOR VISIT TO INDIA A
A CONSULTANT TEAM COMPRISED OF DR. CLARK W. MILLIKAN,
SENIOR CONSULTANT IN NEUROLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF NEUROLOGY, AND
DR. LEONARD T. KURLAND, PROFESSOR AND CHAIRMAN, DEPARTMENT
OF EPIDEMIOLOGY AND MEDICAL STATISTICS, BOTH OF
MAYO CLINIC, ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA, AND DR. ABRAHAM KAGAN,
DIRECTOR, HONOLULU HEART STUDY, NATIONAL HEART AND LUNG
INSTITUTE, NIH, HONOLULU, HAWAII. THEY PROVIDE COMPETENCE IN
STROKE AND CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES AS WELL AS EPIDEMIOLOGICAL
AND MEDICAL STATISTICS. THE TEAM WILL MEET WITH THE ICMR
AND PRINCIPALS TO CLARIFY OBJECTIVES OF PROPOSED STUDY,
REVIEW AND CORRECT DEFICIENCIES, AND RECOMMEND CHANGES IN
EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN WHICH WILL MAKE THE STUDY POTENTIALLY
PRODUCTIVE AND TECHNICALLY ACCEPTABLE TO NIH. THESE CONSUL-
TANTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 18-31,
1975 SUBJECT TO ANY RESTRICTION ON TRAVEL IN EFFECT AT THAT
TIME.

3. IF EMBASSY AGREES, EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO OBTAIN GOPALAN'S
CONCURRENCE IN VISIT ON PROPOSED DATES AND HIS RECOMMENDATIONS
CONCERNING OTHER PRINCIPALS AND INSTITUTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH
THIS STUDY TO BE VISITED OUTSIDE NEW DELHI AND TO
SUGGEST AN ITINERARY BASED ON THIS INFORMATION.
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